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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7471

BILL NUMBER: HB 1550

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 10, 2009

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Back Country Areas.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Pierce

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that back country areas of Yellowwood State Forest and Morgan-Monroe State Forest may not be developed in a manner that permits motorized access, commercial logging, or commercial activity.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill would result in no future expenditures by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for developing certain forest areas in a manner that would allow for motorized access, commercial logging, or commercial activity. The expenditures that would have occurred were it not for the provisions of the bill are indeterminable. Costs for developing the land depend on the features of the land.

The Indiana state forest system consists of 13 properties containing 150,000 acres.

Explanation of State Revenues: If areas do not permit commercial logging, the state would not be able to sell timber on these specified areas. The value of the timber in the specified areas is unknown. The DNR, however, would still receive revenue from campers, hunters and fishers, and other recreational users of the forests.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: DNR.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: DNR.

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